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Helmond Castle, locally known as "Kasteel Helmond", can be found in the town centre of Helmond, in the province of North Brabant, the Netherlands. It was built around 1402 by a member of the Van Berlaer family to replace another, still older castle. More on the town of Helmond on pages 20-21.

Social functions calendar Clubhouse contacts

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.

For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions to be held in the Neerlandia clubhouse or in other venues as shown:

Wed 28 Jan	<u>"Wednesday Card Club starts"</u>	
Thurs 29 Jan	<u>"DJVV starts (fortnightly)"</u>	Shop open
Thurs 29 Jan	<u>"Card Club Neerlandia starts"</u>	8.00 pm
Tues 3 Feb	<u>"Tuesday afternoon Bingo"</u>	11.00 am Doors open 10.00 am (Additional details on page 4)
Sun 8 Feb	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am Note: Drive is on the 2nd Sunday due to roadworks in Cambridge Street on the 1st
Wed 11 Feb	<u>"Mid Month Movie Meeting"</u>	Admission Members: \$3.50 Non-Members \$4.50 (Additional details on page 19)
Thurs 12 Feb	<u>"DJVV Meeting (fortnightly)"</u>	Shop open
Tues 17 Feb	<u>"Tuesday afternoon Bingo"</u>	11.00 am Doors open 10.00 am (Additional details on page 4)
Tues 24 Feb	<u>"Tuesday afternoon Bingo"</u>	11.00 am Doors open 10.00 am (Additional details on page 4)
Friday 27 Feb	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.30 pm (Additional details on page 25)
Sun 1 March	<u>"Sunday Klaverjas Drive"</u>	11.00 am (Additional details on page 22)

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:

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or phone Lianna Parker on: 0437 629 635

Minimum charges for using our Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall	from \$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	from \$100.00 (Incl. GST)

President's Report



President's Report

On behalf of the committee I would like to wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

February 2014 - Exactly one year ago, I finished the President's Report as follows:

"2014 will be a year of change for Neerlandia and

its members but this is not necessarily a bad thing. Some changes will be less popular than others but at the end of the day the focus is on the survival of Neerlandia - our club. This year the club will be 45 years old; only changes and adjustments of the old expectations will guarantee survival of the club. Let the change begin".

What followed was a year of relentless hard work, discussions, learning, stress and a growing belief that it was possible to extend Neerlandia's life. With this belief came the understanding that through communication and mutual respect it would be possible to explain and ultimately convince the core membership that we needed to relocate and move to another premises to avoid the club going bankrupt in the near future.

On Sunday 7th December all the preparatory work accumulated in a Special General Meeting, whereby the Committee hoped to gain the members' trust in moving forward; an overwhelming majority of members present voted 'yes' in support of the proposed motion.

I would like to thank all those members, who over the past 13 months showed interest by giving us feedback, asking us questions and generally getting involved in our proposed plans.

I would also like to thank those members who voted in favour of the proposed resolution and last but not least, I thank those "no"-voters who took the time to explain their motives to me.

As a collective we have taken a major step in the direction of a brighter future for Neerlandia and many a cultural club envies the courage and vision that Neerlandia and its members have demonstrated to achieve this.

February 2015 - what's next? In the coming weeks more discussions with "The Windmills", with the City of Bayswater and possibly other authorities, will follow to finalize the Memorandum of Understanding. As soon as this document is signed by the parties involved, we will start with a basic update of the area that will become Neerlandia's lounge at "The Windmills" clubhouse and to adjust the kitchen to

make it a convenient work area when cooking for Neerlandia functions. As all this will take time, the Neerlandia members will initially not notice too much of the forthcoming move to Morley. Having said this, the various sub-clubs will be urged to make a start with sorting out their belongings that have accumulated over the years and that are currently stored in the Neerlandia clubhouse.

And as far as further communication is concerned, in the monthly President's Report I will keep you updated on the progress and, of course, committee members will be at the club at various times to talk with you about anything Neerlandia related.

Moving is always a traumatic experience and this move will not be any different. Please give it time, give the Neerlandia and The Windmills Committees time and opportunity to make this a successful move. If you have a problem or a suggestion, please talk to us - we are in this together. And, at the end of the day, always remember that the members make a club. It is therefore essential that we stick together and that we enjoy each other's company, be it in our current building or in the one we will be moving to.

The Morley Windmills, as many of you will know, is an (originally Dutch) soccer club. Recently the soccer fixtures were published and on Sunday 8 February at 7pm the Windmills team will play against North Perth United SC and we suggest that many of you come to cheer on the Windmills (or the opposition if you feel like that) and to get acquainted with Neerlandia's future clubhouse. Hot chips and kroketjes are available and the bar will be open.

And last but not least, I would like to draw your attention to daytime entertainment that will start in February at the Neerlandia clubhouse. On 11 February the Wednesday "Mid Month Movie" afternoons will resume. We followed a member's suggestion and we will show more "classics". We will start with the Danny Kaye movie "The Kid from Brooklyn - an easy going, funny movie. Do you have a favourite movie? Let us know and we'll try to show it.

Also, when we gauged interest in bingo afternoons, committee member Henk Oorschot did research on the subject. This has resulted in the start of bingo afternoons on Tuesdays. Conducting a bingo function is quite involved so Henk needs assistance; please contact him to discuss how you can help.

Details for the soccer match, film- and the bingo afternoons are published further on in this issue. All in all, lots of exciting things are scheduled for this year - may it be a good one for all of us. Stay in touch!

Lianna Parker
President

Bingo at Neerlandia

B I N G O

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GAME STARTS 11 AM SHARP - DOORS OPEN 10 AM

From Tuesday 3 February we will be conducting **BINGO** Games at the Neerlandia Clubhouse in Cambridge Street on a regular basis. We will be playing a total of 12 games with a short break for lunch after the 6th game.

10 games will be played from a book of 10 sheets and 2 games will be Flyer sheet games. One of the games will be a **JACKPOT GAME**, with a prize that can grow over many weeks.



Up to 22 players will win money in the one session of Bingo. The level of winnings will be determined by the amount of players attending the game. The Flyer games will allow you to win a bigger prize.



The 10 sheet game book cost \$18.- and the Flyer sheet cost \$3.-. So for the full session of Bingo, 1 book and 2 Flyer sheets cost you \$24.-.

The “Dabber” for marking the Bingo sheets are available for \$3.-

The 9th game is the **JACKPOT GAME**. If after 50 calls, no Jackpot winner has come forward, this game carries on as usual. At the next Bingo session, \$50.- will be added to the normal prize of this 9th game, making this a **JACKPOT GAME**. This will repeat itself each session until won.

Bingo sessions should finish by about 2.30 pm. A 12 game program will be supplied at each session.



Our Bingo game is NOT about making money for the club, but to provide fun and entertainment for all and to offer the chance at the same time to WIN some money. Bring a friend or family member. Do bring your own sandwiches. Coffee or tea provided, self service.



Dates: Tuesdays February 3, 17, 24. March 10, 17, 24, 31.

Contact for more Information: Henk Oorschot: 9256 1977

Email: henkoorschott@bigpond.com



Dear readers, The Members have spoken!

At the extraordinary AGM held in December, the 111 members present almost unanimously were in favour of the Neerlandia Committee's recommendations to move to the Morley Windmills.

The Committee therefore will continue its negotiations with the Windmills and the relevant authorities with the objective of relocating activities, under agreed terms, to the Windmills Sports Club (not the soccer club) in Morley. Once an agreement has been accomplished, the Neerlandia Clubhouse will be put on the market.

The only worthwhile objection raised at the meeting was that the clubhouse was established by the original members and these members have the right to request that we remain at Wembley until either they become too old to attend or the club folds. This reasoning was soon put to sleep by the declaration that the clubhouse was built not only for the Neerlandia Members but also for the Dutch Community in Perth and every current member, being so for 2 years or 46 years, has absolutely the same rights.

However, having said that, extra concessions have been promised by the Neerlandia Committee to look after the older, original members in the sub-organisations.

Meanwhile DACWA has realised a long-term ambition and has purchased office space in Bentley and have plans to move out eventually.

This loss of rental income received by Neerlandia has put an additional nail in the "Retaining the Clubhouse" coffin.

Lianna Parker will keep you all fully updated and informed of the situation via her President's report on page 3 of our magazine.

Because of the large attendance at this meeting, the lack of available parking space in the surrounding areas of the Wembley Clubhouse once again was very apparent, now that Sunday Trading has added to this already restricted situation.

Bingo at Neerlandia. It has been many, many years ago that Neerlandia organised weekly Bingo Night Sessions (in the 1970's).

But after a few very successful years, falling attendances forced Neerlandia to stop them.

Nevertheless, many thousands of dollars revenue were raised, which assisted greatly to pay off the then initial mortgage.

Now Henk Oorschot has taken on the initiative to organise Neerlandia Bingo sessions on Tuesday afternoon. Please support him.

More details are provided in the advertisement on the preceding page.

Dutch Liquor from Nick's.

A few members have received their first shipments and they are very happy. Remember only orders over \$200.00 will not involve shipping costs.

Pieter Leeftang,
Editor

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For a good two years now, the Club members and visiting patrons have enjoyed the updated Neerlandia library. The titles on loan are modern (from 1990 and later), Dutch language and fiction.

We receive the books as generous donations while librarians Mies, Thom and Ans make sure that the books appear neatly organized by name of author. Technical or non-fiction books cannot be accepted as we have neither readers interested nor storage space for those genres. Books that don't comply with the aforementioned standards, are disposed of by them. The upkeep of the library is an ongoing and time consuming task and we can't say often enough how happy we are with the efforts of our librarians.

In November Machiel visited the club; he took a look at the supply of books and proceeded with donating a series of spoken books to Neerlandia. Machiel has an interest in Dutch language books and he has since joined the library staff.

Following is his story:

New Acquisition for our Library

Over the last few years I have heard about the Neerlandia club, which got me wondering what the club was all about; fortunately my employer, Telstra allows every employee to volunteer for one day each year. So, I thought it would be a good occasion to use the volunteering opportunity from Telstra to help out with the Neerlandia club and to get a feeling of the club and its organisation.

So, on Friday, November 14th, 2014, I volunteered happily at Neerlandia to help with installing the Christmas decorations in the clubhouse.

During this volunteering experience I was very impressed by the dedication and energy of the members of the club, trying to keep the club running; who use their spare time to help make the club a lively and happy place to be. I was so impressed that I became a member shortly after.

I also got a look at the Library and was amazed by the collection, but I also noticed that there is opportunity to extend the collection of the Library, not only with books but in other media as well, such as audio books. In the past I have contacted the Dutch/Flemish organization deBuren in regards to their free downloadable audio books and to use these for a Library service. I explained my plans and was kindly asked to provide my postal address, because they wanted to send me a couple of audio books on CD's, for which you normally have to pay. Some weeks later I was happily surprised to find a full box with CD's at our doorstep containing many different

stories. What a generous gift from the <http://www.deburen.eu/en/>.

When I saw the Library at the Neerlandia, I got the idea to donate the whole box of CD's to the Neerlandia Library; so as of last month the collection of audio books is available for the



Neerlandia members, I hope they will enjoy them. I also would like to mention that these audio books are particularly ideal for people who have difficulty with reading ordinary books due to eye problems for instance, but also of course for people who just want to enjoy a book via a different medium at home or when they are travelling. I hope demand will be high, as that will be a great reason to expand the Library with more audio books, printed books and other materials.

For the well connected members to the Internet, you can download and listen to the deBuren audio books from the <http://www.deburen.eu/nl> website at: <http://www.radioboeken.eu/index.php?lang=NL> <http://www.city-books.eu/nl/>

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!! THE FOLLOWING ARE NOW MEMBERS OF THE DUTCH SOCIETY NEERLANDIA

Jacobus Voorn
Zoe Baltes
Leny Bremers
Machiel van der Stelt
David Seaton
Gerhard Boersma
Annetje Boersma

between languages while on the deBuren website; also some of the audio books are available in different languages, such as French and English. The city books are available in other languages as well; explore, get excited and ask for more material for the Library, so we can with enthusiasm expand our Library.

Please, let me know what you think of the Neerlandia Library via: mvdstelt@gmail.com

By Machiel van der Stelt

20 USES FOR VINEGAR THAT I BET YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF!!

1. Clear dirt off PCs and electronics

Your computer, printer, fax machine, and other home office gear will work better if you keep them clean and dust-free. Turn off your machine and wash with a mix of equal parts white vinegar and water. Wash with a cloth, not a spray bottle. You can use cotton swabs for tight spaces.

2. Get rid of smoke odor

If you've recently burned a steak or can't get rid of that cigarette smell, remove the lingering smoky odor by placing a shallow bowl about three-quarters full of white or cider vinegar in the room where the scent is strongest. To get the smell out of the air, moisten a cloth and wave it in the air.

3. Wipe away mildew

Use undiluted vinegar to wipe away heavy mildew stains. Mix it with water to clean light mildew stains. You can even use a vinegar mist in a spray bottle to prevent mildew stains from forming in rugs and carpets.

4. Clean chrome and stainless steel

To clean chrome and stainless steel fixtures around your home, apply a light misting of undiluted white vinegar from a recycled spray bottle. Buff with a soft cloth to bring out the brightness.

5. Unglue stickers, decals, and price tags

Don't you hate when you peel a sticker off of your new furniture or product and it's still sticky from the glue? Worry no more! Use full-strength white vinegar and gently scrape it off the product. Use an expired credit card to scrape. You can also use this solution to get glue off glass, plastic and walls.

6. Brighten up brickwork

Have dingy bricks around your fireplace? Use 1 cup of white vinegar mixed with 1 gallon of warm water to scrub the area. Your bricks will be looking nice and shiny!

7. Revitalize wood paneling

You can also use vinegar to shine up your dull

wood paneling. Mix 1 pint warm water with 4 tablespoons white or apple cider vinegar and 2 tablespoons olive oil. Let the mixture soak for a few minutes and then polish.

8. Remove carpet stains

You can lift out many stains from your carpet with vinegar:

For light stains, mix 2 tablespoons salt with ½ cup white vinegar. Rub into the stain, let try and vacuum. For tough, ground-in dirt and other stains, make a paste of 1 tablespoon vinegar with 1 tablespoon cornstarch, and rub it into the stain using a dry cloth. Let it set for two days, then vacuum.

9. Keep car windows frost-free

Vinegar is a great way to keep frost from forming on your car windows. Spray the outside of your windows with a mixture of 3 parts white vinegar to 1 part water.

10. Refresh your refrigerator

Have you ever smelled a refrigerator that hasn't been used for a long time? It's gross! You can freshen up your fridge with a mixture of equal parts white vinegar and water. You can use the solution to wash the interior and exterior of the fridge.

11. Steam-clean your microwave

Fill a bowl with 1 cup water and ¼ cup vinegar. Set the bowl in the microwave and cook on high for 5 minutes. Once the bowl cools down, use the solution to wipe off the walls of the microwave.

12. Disinfect cutting boards

Use full-strength white vinegar to clean wood cutting boards or butcher block countertops. This is a great alternative to dishwasher detergent because it can weaken surfaces and wood fiber. It disinfects against E.coli, salmonella and staphylococcus.

13. Clean china, crystal, and glassware

Have soap spots and dingy spots on your dishes after you put them in the dishwasher? Simply add a few ounces of vinegar to your dishwasher. It will prevent those hard-water stains from showing up.

14. Trap fruit flies

Did you bring home fruit flies from the market? You can make traps for them that can be used anywhere around your house by filling an old jar about halfway with apple cider vinegar. Punch a few holes in the lid, screw it back on, and you're good to go.

15. Tenderize and purify meats and seafood

Soaking a lean or inexpensive cut of red meat in a couple of cups of vinegar breaks down tough fibers to make it more tender. You can also use vinegar to tenderize seafood steaks. Let the meat or fish soak in full-strength vinegar overnight.

16. Control your dandruff

Can't wear those black shirts because your dandruff will show? Vinegar to the rescue! After shampooing, rinse your hair with a mixture of 2 cups apple cider vinegar and 2 cups cold water.

17. Ease sunburn and itching

Gently rub a sunburn or rash with cotton balls or a soft cloth soaked with white or cider vinegar. Try to apply this before the sunburn begins to sting. You can use this to help treat insect bites or rashes from poison ivy or poison oak.

18. Clean your eyeglasses

When it's more difficult to see with your glasses on than it is with them off, it's a clear indication that they're in need of a good cleaning. Applying a few drops of white vinegar to your glass lenses and wiping them with a soft cloth will easily remove dirt, sweat, and fingerprints, and leave them spotless. **Don't use vinegar on plastic lenses, however.**

19. Stop reds from running

Unless you have a fondness for pink-tinted clothing, take one simple precaution to prevent red washable clothes from ruining your wash loads. Soak your new clothes in a few cups of undiluted white vinegar for 10-15 minutes before their first washing. You'll never have to worry about running colors again! This also works with other bright colors that you worry might run.

20. Speed germination of flower seed

You can get woody seeds, such as moonflower, passionflower, morning glory, and gourds, off to a healthier start by lightly rubbing them between a couple of sheets of fine sandpaper-and soaking them overnight in a solution of 1/2 cup apple cider vinegar and 1 pint warm water. Next morning, remove the seeds from the solution, rinse them off, and plant them.

Social event diary:

- ... 8 February at 7pm - Windmills Soccer Club plays against North Perth United Soccer Club. Venue: Morley Windmills Soccer Club Inc, Wotton Reserve Embleton Ave, Embleton WA 6062
- ... 11 February at 2pm - Mid Month Movie Meeting (see advertisement in this magazine)
- ... 3, 17 and 24 February at 11am - Bingo (see advertisement on page 4)

Shop Update

For those of you who prefer a more mature Dutch cheese to the mild Gouda currently available in the

Neerlandia shop: we are now selling Old Masters cheese - an old Dutch cheese! Certainly a very welcome addition to the stock that we already have.

Past Social Events:

Sint Nicolaas Brunch for Adults - the ticket sale was a bit slow but eventually we managed to entice 41 members and their guests to the Club to enjoy our brunch. The brunch was prepared by Camil, who is not only a Neerlandia member, but he also works as a chef at Armanda's Kitchen. To have an outsider cooking brunch, we made certain that the Neerlandia Kitchen Staff had the opportunity to either join us around the table or to stay at home and have a relaxing Sunday.

All patrons received a gift voucher to spend at the Neerlandia Shop. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

A special thank you to a marvelous Sint Nicolaas, who had a kind word for everyone. We are very lucky that we are still able to have a Sint Nicolaas every year - such a loved and old Dutch tradition.

Sint Nicolaas for kids was a great success. Again, the ticket sale was initially very slow, which caused Margaret and myself to get this sinking feeling: surely we did not have to cancel Sint Nicolaas for the Kids, the Club's most popular function?

Considering the history we were willing to accept that the usual visitors of Sint Nicolaas celebrations were the grandchildren, who, by now, were too old to come and sit with the "Goed Heiligman".

Our fear appeared to be unnecessary after we had advertised the event on FaceBook: within a week we had a waiting list. So many, predominantly young Dutch children of new arrivals, came to sit with the Sint and to bring him a drawing or to sing a song for him. Young faces with serious and expected looks in their eyes, were gathered on the floor to wait for things to come. The four Zwarte Pieten were the kindest, sweetest and funniest helpers Sint Nicolaas could wish for and the Magician wasn't bad either. While waiting for Sint Nicolaas to arrive, we all felt so happy that we had an impromptu rendition of "Happiness" to which we all danced.

What a wonderful afternoon we all had and you know what? We'll do it again next year! And if we get enough interest, we spread the party out over two days. Simple!

Lianna Parker

(Editor: Pictures of the St Nicholas Day and the St Nicholas Brunch are displayed on the next page.)



Even bijpraten with Lianna & Saint Nicholas

Saint Nichols for the Children (photos by Sake van der Weghel)

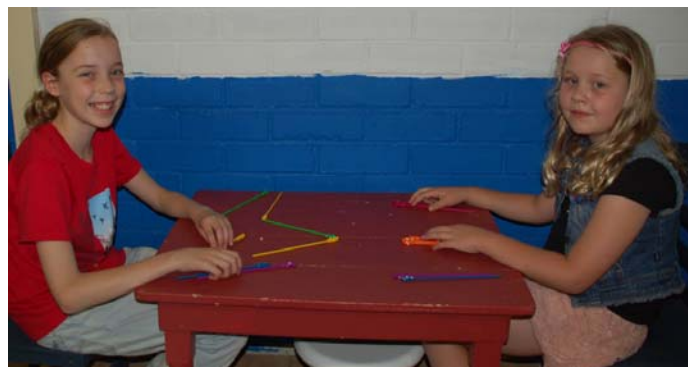


Saint Nicolas Brunch



End of Month Drinks - November 2014

End of Month Drinks. The November EoMD was very popular once again, the club was brimming with about 150 people. Thanks to the volunteers, who worked so hard to make it all happen.



February Birthdays & Support our advertisers

The following Members will celebrate their birthday during **the month of February 2015.**

We wish them all a very **Happy Birthday!**

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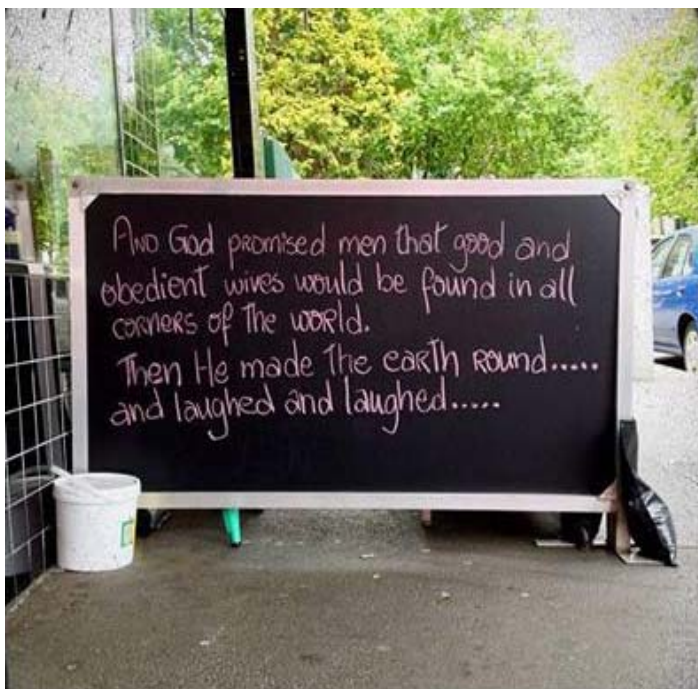
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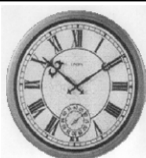
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- ... Amandelkoeken, kano's, amsterdammers & speculaasjes en speculaasbrokken
- ... Een sortering van andere koekjes

Important news: Mackerel is still in stock again but Herring is not available

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Elke woensdag | van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm |
| Elke tweede donderdag (DJVV week) | van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm |
| Elke donderdagavond | van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm |
| De meeste vrijdagen | van 10.00 am - noon (We adviseren dat u de club van te voren even belt op 9381 3738 om er zeker van te zijn dat de winkel open is.) |

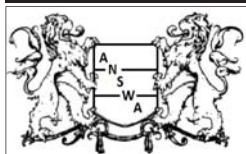
De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

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Dear Readers,



I hope that all readers had a wonderful Christmas break and those who have been on annual leave had a relaxing time with families wherever you are. Personally I am glad 2014 has passed as it was a traumatic time for my

family, with the sudden passing of my daughter-in-law Rebecca, mother of 2 children, aged 4 and 6. The Sydney siege on the 15th of December that killed the Manager of the Lindt café and a young mother of 3 children by extremist Man Haron Monis was a terrible reminder of my grief and that of her husband and children.

The start to 2015 has also been dreadful with the shooting at the office of Charlie Hebdo and the attack on the Jewish Supermarket, it is hard to comprehend the violence these jihadists carry out on innocent people.

It was wonderful to see the march in Paris accompanied by many world dignitaries and in other capital cities around the world to demonstrate that violence will not deter us from our way of living or having the freedom of speech.

But why do we not show the same abhorrence to the killing of 132 school children, 10 school staff and 3 policemen by Taliban terrorist in North West Pakistan. Or the violence of Boko Haram the Sunni fundamentalist, whose forces kidnapped more than 200 girls.

On the same day that 12 journalists and policemen were gunned down in the French capital, forces of the fundamentalist Boko Haram annihilated 2000 villagers. Should we not want the world to respond to the obscene levels of brutality in Nigeria with the same spirit and resolve as shown in the wake of the Charlie Hebdo massacre in Paris.

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan issued condolences to France in the wake of Hebdo massacre, but said not a word about the massacre going on in his own Country.

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WA will soon be celebrating 400 years when Dirk Hartog landed with his ship "Eendracht" on what is now known as Dirk Hartog Island on the 25th of October 1616.

Dirk Hartog (1580 - 1621) was a Dutch seaman who spent his early career as a private merchant in the Baltic and Mediterranean seas.

In 1615 he was appointed master of the VOC ship Eendracht and in January 1616 he set sail with a fleet of VOC ships for Batavia (Jakarta, Indonesia) to trade spices and other goods.

The ship became separated from the fleet but continued on her voyage, unfortunately but lucky for us it sailed further east than it should have and it dropped anchor on

the 25th of October. The first recorded landing of a European in WA. He was the first to leave behind an artefact to record his visit, the Hartog Plate.



ANSWA would like to hold a Hartog Ball in October 2016, it will be a period costume dress ball.

At this stage I do not have more details as we are still in the process of working these out, but when I have more information, I will certainly give you all the details.

What we will need is volunteers to help us to make it a great success.

If you are interested in helping, following are two e-mail addresses, please leave your name and we will get back to you.

These are: anne.rietveld@smartchat.net.au or Nonja Peters: n.peters@curtin.edu.au

Please, we need your help with decorating the venue and various other things in relation to having a ball.

Anne Rietveld

President of ANSWA

The Archives Corner

In addition to many kilometres of paper files, the National Archives of Australia holds some interesting photographic collections. One of great interest to migrants and their families is Series A12111, a collection that comprises more than 22,000 black and white and colour photographs taken by government photographers between 1946 and 1999 to record the arrival and settlement of migrants in Australia after World War II. The

photographs were used in newspapers, magazines, posters, brochures and displays to promote Australia as a prosperous welcoming nation to potential migrants and to reassure the Australian public that new migrants would readily settle into the Australian way of life.

The photographs cover a vast range of events



The migrant ship "Oriana"

including the arrival of migrants, citizenship ceremonies, ethnic and multicultural festivals, English classes at migrant centres and the opening of new places of worship. Official photographers also portrayed thousands of migrants in the workforce and all other areas of the community.

The photographs focus on the positive outcomes of the government's immigration programs and significant milestones like the arrival of the millionth post-war migrant in 1955 and of the 100,000th Dutch migrant in 1958 were comprehensively documented.



Dutch Folk Dancing Group.

The Archives has developed a companion website: Destination Australia (<https://www.destinationaustralia.gov.au/site/index.php>) to showcase the images and gather stories and information about the persons and events captured in the photographic archive.

Searching within the website requires simple keywords such as names, place names or nationalities to locate relevant records. For example just using the word “Dutch” as a keyword brings up over 1000 images.

One of these is of a young zoo keeper at the South Perth Zoo in 1968.



Pieter & Joke Leeftang with their children Vera & Anthony. Photo was taken in 1968, one year before they moved into a Zoo residence, where they stayed until 1999 when Pieter retired.

(<https://www.destinationaustralia.gov.au/site/records.php?task=detail&id=6192>).

You do not need to register as a user of the website to search the images but if you would like to share your stories or add contextual information then you must be registered. Registration is simple and can be done from this page: <https://www.destinationaustralia.gov.au/site/register.php>.

If you would like assistance to locate relevant records, you may visit an NAA Reading Room. The Perth Reading Room is located at 384 Berwick Street, East Victoria Park and is open 9.00am to 4.30pm, Wednesday to Friday, excepting public holidays. There is plenty of free parking and buses 176 and 177 pass by the front door. Or you can ring the Perth office on 08 9470 7500 to inquire about relevant records in the collection and how you might go about accessing them. Perth staff are always happy to be of assistance.

Marjorie Bly

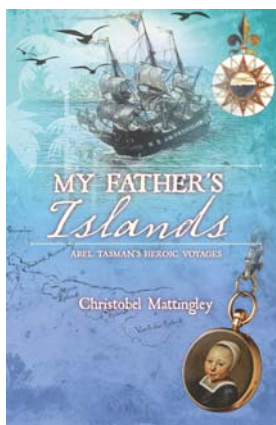
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Abel Tasman Comes to Life for Children

The National Library of Australia’s publication of *My Father’s Islands: Abel Tasman’s Heroic Voyages* opens up to children aged 8 to 12 a little known part of Australian history—the remarkable talent and bravery of Dutchman Abel Janszoon Tasman (c. 1603–1659), one of the world’s greatest seamen and navigators, and the major contribution he made to the knowledge of the ‘Unknown South Land’.



My Father’s Islands is an engaging fictional story, based on Tasman’s journal of his voyages. It is the 1640s and Claesgen lives in Batavia with her stepmother, waiting weeks, and sometimes months, for her father, Abel Tasman, to come back from his sea voyages. When he returns, Tasman delights his young daughter

with tales of treacherous oceans and relentless wild weather, hazards of unseen coral reefs and endless days of empty ocean, encounters—both friendly and hostile—with indigenous peoples, murder and theft, and the threat of smugglers and pirates. Claesgen’s curiosity about her father’s life takes readers on his voyage on the uncharted seas of the Pacific Ocean, in the search for unknown lands and new sources of riches for the powerful trading company, the Dutch East India Company.

Tasman’s discoveries on his 1642–1643 voyage included Tasmania (which he named Van Diemen’s Land after the Governor of Batavia), New Zealand and many other islands, including the Tonga and Fiji groups. Although he had only primitive navigational instruments, Tasman’s amazingly accurate charts provided the basis on which many later explorers with superior navigational aids relied, including James Cook over 120 years later.

My Father’s Islands, written by award-winning author Christobel Mattingley, was inspired by a 1637 painting of the Tasman family by leading Dutch artist Jacob Gerritsz Cuyp (1594–c. 1651), one of the treasures of the National Library of Australia.

Dutch Community Radio



DUTCH COMMUNITY RADIO BROADCASTING ON 95.3FM 6EBA

During our AGM in October 2014 Theo Van De Peppel presented the President's report for the year gone by. Following you will find the full report.

As your president it is my pleasure to submit to you at this AGM my report on the year 2013 -2014 of the Dutch Community Radio (DCR), my vision and status and events of the past year. We have seen a growth in team members by the return of Margaret Baltes as an announcer for our program. This is a welcome relief to the announcer's team in sharing the roster load.

There has also been an increase in the number of panel operators. Karin received her full licence and Freek is awaiting his final test. I am sure the Panel operators will be looking forward to this as much as Freek himself. Harry is also rostered on again as an operator, a warm thank you Harry.

Therefore the DCR has now 4 panel operators and 6 announcers with the addition of Karin, who operates as Operator and Announcer. Well done Karin and a big thank you to Robert for bringing Karin up to speed in her new task.

For the above important positions I wish to thank in non-alphabetical order or order of importance the following people: Harry, Peter; Robert; Karin; Freek; Bettina; Helga; Margaret and Vera for their enthusiasm and dedication to the Sunday program of the DCR. Without you, quite simple it would be not possible to operate an organisation as the DCR.

This year Karin also worked very hard in increasing and completing the DCR Facebook page, her never failing enthusiasm in this was duly noticed. It is a pleasure to see the number of people actually looking at our Facebook and commenting on the DCR and its programs. Thank you very much Karin.

A big thank you to Freek for keeping us up to date with the weekly news, I know that there is quite some time involved, especially during main events like the shooting down of the MH17 travelling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur. I personally quite like your mixture of real and some light hearted news from Holland and other European countries. Freek, thanks again for all your work.

A warm thank you to Robert for all of his extra work in keeping our financials up-to-date and for being the spring in the negotiations between the DCR and the Dutch Society Neerlandia Inc. They became our major benefactor with their financial contribution to the DCR. Also thanks for the yearly co-ordinating of the individual donations and the sponsorships of the DCR.

To make a suitable roster to everyone can be a massive headache, but Peter has done this for quite a number of years now, (for the last version of the roster for the second part for 2014, I counted 9 changes). Well done Peter and thank you very much for your efforts in this important task.

To make the running of the DCR somewhat smoother it was decided that we should hold a three (3) monthly meeting in order to keep up to date with the ins and outs of the DCR in a more formal way.

The programming took a different approach this year with the introduction of the "last Sunday of the Month" program directed to the younger generation of listeners under the WA Dutch community, there was also a more Light Classical program planned but due to lack of time, it was not possible to air it on the planned Sunday the 8th of September (will keep on the list for later stage) We scrapped the traditional "Draaiorgel" music as the first tune of the weekly program, to great relief of the "newer" members. So far no negative criticism was received, so this will continue unless the membership decides otherwise.

The past year the undersigned has represented the DCR at the AGM of the MRTA held at the Maylands Studio for this year, and will do so at the subsequent AGM planned for Sunday the 19th of October 2014.

Last but certainly not the least I wish to thank ALL of our members and sponsors especially: The Dutch Butcher (Mr John Ottis), The Dutch Club Neerlandia Inc; The Dutch Singers and all of supporters and listeners for their undying support, for without you we could not have functioned.

Theo Van De Peppel, President

Since our AGM there has been another change in the DCR team with Vera taken leave of absence to be able to spend some more time with her family. This has opened the opportunity for a new announcer. If you feel you can commit to presenting the program once a month please contact the DCR by sending an email to: dutchradio@iinet.net.au or you can send a letter to DCR, PO BOX 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913.

That is it from the DCR for now. We are looking forward being with you each Sunday afternoon from 2 to 3:30pm on 6EBA, 95.3FM

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The Dutch Singers and Saint Nicholas visit Pendana.



St. Nicholas and Zwarte Piet with Hazel Potts our pianist/conductor at Pendana.

On Wednesday the 3rd December, St Nicholas and his helper Zwarte Piet, visited Pendana in Bentley. They went there on their yearly visit to meet up once again with all the Dutch Ladies & Gentlemen who visit Pendana every week.

The Dutch Singers were also present for the occasion and sung their St Nicholas repertoire until the good Saint arrived. Saint Nicholas spoke a few words to all those that were present about his journey and then proceeded to hand out presents and lollies.

This year seating was arranged in a half circle, this was a great idea, everyone could see and hear very well and did not have to get up to receive their presents.

After the Saint's visit the Dutch Singers then entertained everyone with a variety of Christmas Carols.

All in all a very attentive and appreciative audience and a visit enjoyed by all.

Cheers,

Gerry Creemers.

Wednesday Card Club.

Following are the results of the last competition held this year by the Wednesday Card Club.

We had a reasonably good year, but we finished the year with only 32 members!

Due to the falling numbers, we now play in the clubhouse lounge.

Lets hope we get some new players next year.

Results Klaverjas Competition:

1st prize: Con Van der Putten
with a score of 69181 \$25.00

2nd prize: Freda Hovingh
with a score of 67148 \$15.00

3rd prize: Joop Smit
with a score of 66822 \$ 10.00

The Marsen prize: Bart Struycke
With 25 marsen \$ 10.00

We will resume again on Wednesday the 28th of January 2015.

Bep Banken

Note: The February Sunday Drive will be on the 8th of February, which is the second Sunday !

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the 27th of November

Max Zuideveld

Our sincere condolences to the family
from the De Jeugd van Vroege (DJVV)
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia

Passed away on the 2nd of December

Sietske Peelen (97)

Our sincere condolences her family,
The Wednesday & Neerlandia Card Clubs
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia

Passed away on the 6th of December

Piet de Jong

Our sincere condolences his family,
De Jeugd van Vroege (DJVV)
and the Dutch Society Neerlandia



May They Rest in Peace.

Christmas Variety Show

The Dutch Singers Christmas Variety Concert was warmly received and a complete sell-out this year. The hard work by the choir and Hazel Potts, the choir's musical director & pianist, certainly helped to make it the best show yet.

Lianna Parker thanked everyone for coming, and then handed over to the M.C., Ron Willson, who took the choir on a musical journey.

The first half included a variety of international songs. It also featured some very talented young people who are also member's grandchildren; Andrew on bongos, Emma & Tom on violins and their Mum on double bass. The 2nd half opened with a special rendition of the "Skye Boat Song" & "Mull of Kintyre" suitably accompanied by Scotch College pupils on bagpipe & snare drum. This followed with a collection of lovely Christmas songs, in

various languages. The show concluded with Hazel's special & beautiful arrangement of "Silent Night".
(The following letter was received from a couple of our appreciative Neerlandia members, Editor)

Dear Leonie and Ron,

The concert and the MC were great as always. We enjoyed it very much. Nice to see the young people participating again. All the soloist were good and John brought a tear to my eyes when he again sang "Kerstmis in Amsterdam", it pulls at the old heart strings and I am not even an Amsterdammer. But it does something to you just the same. Keep up the good work you are all a joy to watch and listen to. Hope to see all of you again next year God willing.

Kind regards,

Janke and Peter.



Christmas Variety Show & Upcoming Event



Wednesday 11 February

Mid Month Movie Meeting (MMMM)

The Kid from Brooklyn

A 1946 musical comedy show
Starring Danny Kaye, Virginia Mayo, Vera Ellen and Eve Arden
Club opens at 1.30pm

Movie starts at 2.00pm and runs approx. 110 minutes

NB: this movie is an English Language movie

Admission \$3.50 members and \$4.50 for non members

Includes complimentary tea and coffee

Not suitable for children – Children's Paradise will be closed

"Please bring your Neerlandia membership card to the MMMM."

We are looking forward to you joining us at the Dutch Club to watch a movie together.

For details regarding MMMM

Please contact

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The city of Helmond



Flag and Coat of Arms



Helmond.

Helmond is a municipality and a city in the province of North Brabant in the southern Netherlands.

The name 'Helmond' can be traced back to a combination of Hel, which means "low-lying" and Mond, which refers to a Mound, higher ground, a secure place from floods.

The origin of the name has nothing to do with the contemporary

translation of Hell Mouth. In 1241 a first coat of arms was created, containing a helmet as a reference to the word Helmond. Even this early in its history, the historical meaning of the city's name had already been lost to its inhabitants. This helmet would symbolize a fortified medieval town. Originally a medieval pot helmet, this was later adapted to a new fashion style and is now a tournament helmet. The oak branches symbolizing freedom. The bird in the branches is a medieval decoration and has no meaning.

Helmond has many textile companies. The Vlisco factory is located next to the Zuid-Willems Vaart (canal), which runs through the city.

The spoken language is Peellands (an East Brabantian dialect, which is very similar to colloquial Dutch)

History

First settled around 1000 and was granted city rights as far back as the 1230s, Helmond was once a major textile and metal producing centre, but most of the heavy industries have long since closed.

With a population of nearly 90,000 residents, Helmond is one of the five largest cities in the province of Noord-Brabant and has its own professional football team, Helmond Sport.

One can spend a lovely long weekend in the city and be massively impressed by the open air, healthy lifestyle and lack of cars everywhere.

Castle Croy

The **Croy Castle** can be found near the village Aarle-Rixtel, which is part of the municipality of Laarbeek.

From 1642 until 1968 Croy belonged to the municipality of Stiphout, but it is currently part of the municipality of Helmond.

The castle is currently no longer inhabited, but it is in use as an office building.

In 1795 beer was brewed near the castle, but in 2004 the brewery was transferred to Belgium, albeit the ingredients were still grown on the Croy Estate. The destruction of the restaurant by fire in 2006 brought with it an opportunity to restore the tradition of brewing beer on the Croy Estate. With the renovation of the nearby restaurant "de Croyse Hoeve" the microbrewery was built and with it the production has returned to Aarle-Rixtel.

Due to environmental restrictions the beer is still bottled and packaged in Belgium. Also there is a herd of Rambouillet-Merino sheep on the Croy Estate.

History of the castle

The oldest parts of the Croy castle were probably built in the 15th century. There is not much known about the history of the castle. Jacob van Croÿ, Bishop of Cambrai was in 1477 owner of the land, but a house is not mentioned. In the 16th century villages in the neighbourhood were many times demolished, probably also the castle (but this is not recorded). The last inhabitant was Freule (Lady) Constance van der Bruggen. Her uncle bought Croy in 1772. In 1773 he died and left the castle to his half brother Johan Karel Gideon. He married Margaretha Gertuda Falck and they had three sons and a daughter. In 1820, 1826 and 1864 the sons died. Freule (Lady) Constance van der Bruggen died in 1873 (78 years old) and left the



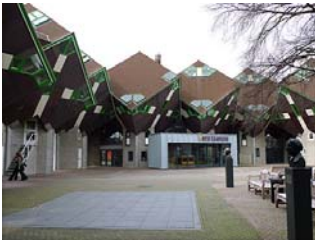
The Zuid-Willems Canal



The City of Helmond

building to municipality of Stiphout with the obligation to use the building for the help of poor elderly people. This was led by the Sisters of Geloof, Hoop en Liefde (The Sisters of Belief, Hope and Love). In 1977 the house was declared unsuitable as an house for elderly people, because it breached the fire safety regulation.

Cube Houses in Helmond



Cube Houses

Cube houses (Dutch: *Kubuswoningen*) are a set of innovative houses built in Rotterdam and Helmond in the Netherlands, designed by architect Piet Blom and based on the concept of "living as an urban roof". High density housing with sufficient space on ground level. Blom tilted the cube of a conventional house 45 degrees, and rested it upon a hexagon-shaped pylon. His design represents a village within a city, where each house represents a tree,



Sculpture of architect Piet Blom

and all the houses together, a forest.

Three test versions were first constructed in 1974 and in 1977, 18 houses were constructed in Helmond. The many houses required for a *woonwoud* (English: living woods) were never realized. The cube houses in Helmond surrounded a theater, Theater 't Speelhuis, which was destroyed by a large fire on 29 December 2011 and it was never rebuilt.

More Cube houses

The Cube houses in Rotterdam were designed in 1977 in a plan of 55, of which 39 were built. There are 38 small cubes and two so called 'super-cubes', all attached to each other.

As residents are disturbed so often by curious passers-by, one owner decided to open a "show cube", which is furnished as a normal house, and he is making a living out of offering tours to visitors.

The houses contain three floors:

- ... ground floor entrance
- ... first floor with living room and open kitchen
- ... second floor with two bedrooms and bathroom
- ... top floor which is sometimes used as a small garden

The walls and windows are angled at 54.7 degrees. The total area of the apartment is around 100 square meters, but around a quarter of the space is unusable because of the walls that are under the angled ceilings. In 2009, the larger cubes were converted by Personal Architecture into a hostel run by Dutch hostel chain *Stayokay*.

Helmond Castle.

The present castle was built in 1325 and it replaced a still older castle "Het Oude Huys," which was situated a few hundred meters to the west of it. In 1549 a fire destroyed the West Wing and roof, but the castle was restored. The castle is a square building with 4 towers at the corners. It also had a double moat around it but the outer one was filled in at a later date when sieges were a thing of the past.

In 1921 the castle was transferred to the city council who used it as their Town Hall until 2001, when the castle was transformed into a museum open to anyone.



The living room of the "show cube" in Rotterdam.



The Helmond Castle

Compiled by Pieter Leeftang from the internet



The famous cube Houses



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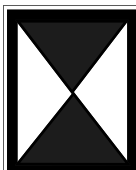
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News from the sub-organisations

CARD CLUB NEERLANDIA

By the time you read this, 2015 is already well on its way. We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and can look forward to a bright new year. We are well aware that this may be hard for some when illness or injury prevents the full enjoyment of life. We send sincere good wishes to all currently coping with health issues and may good health be yours again soon.

Somehow the final term of the year always seems shorter than the earlier ones. It's not of course, but with Christmas looming and lots to do and organise, it always appears that there is less time to get it all done.

As has been our custom for the last few years, on the last night of the year (11 Dec) we only play cards until about 8.45pm. Tables and chairs are then placed together, snacks put on the tables, drinks obtained from the bar



with our vouchers and we sit down, eat, drink and socialise. Heel gezellig. It is, while we are happily

socialising, that the eagerly awaited results of the third competition are announced by our club president Murray Koedyk and the prizes given. Freda Hovingh managed to again become the Klaverjas winner by attaining the highest number of points as well the highest number of 'marsen'. Well done, Freda! As only one prize is awarded to a player, the 'marsen' prize goes to the runner up.

The results of the final competition for the year are as follows:

Klaverjas

1 st prize	Freda Hovingh	70744 points	\$25
2 nd prize	Thijs Gorter	70037 points	\$20
3 rd prize	Bettina Tonkin	69970 points	\$15
Average score	Corrie van Rijt	65823 points	\$10
Actual average 65901			

Marsen	Freda Hovingh	32 marsen	
Runner up	Piet Leeftang	25 marsen	\$10

Bolivia

Weekly Players

Matty Mentz	Winner Drawn	\$10
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Fortnightly Players

Helma Kleyne	Winner Drawn	\$10
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Jokeren

Anne Neil	Winner Drawn	\$10
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Congratulations to all the winners!

We look forward to another year of fun and friendly



rivalry as we begin our new competition on Thursday 29th January. A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

Card Club Neerlandia
Janny Udinga (Secretary)

Note: The next Neerlandia Drive will be on the 8th of February, which is the second Sunday !



Profile of a newer migrant



Profile Desirée de Graaf

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself and to explain a little bit more about me.

Introduction

My name is Desirée, born in Nieuwleusen, a small town close to the city of Zwolle. I am the mother of Laura (3) and married to Sake van Weeghel. At the end of March we are expecting another

baby and both our children will be so fortunate to have dual citizenship.

My husband is from Kampen. We are both passionate volleyball players and first met each other at the volleybal club "Reflex" in Kampen. I have known Sake for more than 11 years and we got married 5 years ago. We have lived in Perth for nearly 8 years and are permanent Australian residents.

Before we decided to have children, we enjoyed the European lifestyle in Subiaco for 2 years. From Subiaco we moved to the northern suburbs.

We built our own house in Padbury and I love living in the northern suburbs due to the close proximity to the beach and the reasonable social network we have established there.

Western Australia

After finishing my university degree in Social Work in Zwolle, I packed my bags and travelled (by myself) as a backpacker all over Australia and New Zealand, in what was the best (and craziest!) year of my life!

I fell in love with the beauty of Western Australia, but couldn't imagine migrating and living there. When I met Sake we often spoke about 'getting out of our comfort zone' but it wasn't until we saw an advertisement about the expo 'Australia Needs Skills,' that we seriously considered making a change in our lives.

We consulted a migration agent and after much trouble obtaining our permanent resident visa, we finally arrived in April 2007 with nothing more than 5 suitcases.

We anticipated living here for 3 years and returning to the Netherlands but somehow and for some reason we are still here...

Occupation

My background is in Social Work and at the moment I work 3 days a week as a Life Planning Advisor for 'Planning for the Next Season,' a social enterprise a friend of mine started. We work together with adult children and their parents to make them think and plan how 'Seniors' can live and age well (at home) now and into the future and to continue living and experiencing

life to the fullest. We also deliver workshops in 'Advance Care Planning', which I really love to do. My passion is health and food and I have nearly finished my study in Nutrition.

Interests

I'm an energetic person and like to go to the gym for fitness, aqua fit, body pump and yoga. I also love spending time outdoors. A picnic in the park, a walk on the beach... I feel so fortunate to live here in Perth AND living so close to the beach feels like a dream come true! There are times that I still pinch myself when I walk on the beach and appreciate the beautiful coastline. I absolutely LOVE watching dolphins and my highlight was an occasion during which I swam with them in Rockingham. Although skydiving in New Zealand was pretty 'brave' from me too!! Watching movies is something else I enjoy as well and I can easily go to a cinema by myself. Singing is another hobby I like to do and I belong to the Local Vocal Rock Choir. I love reading books and enjoy being a member of a Dutch Book Club, which is 'gezellig'. Last but not least, I have an inquisitive mind in food and you can find me often trying new restaurants and different types of food.

The Netherlands, homeland?

For me, the weather is still the main reason why we are here. We have been back 'home' four times and every time I thought how lucky we are with so many sunny days here in Perth that I seriously don't know if I would like to return, knowing that our lives will be much more indoors being affected by grey and rainy days. There are moments that I miss my family and think that I could move back next week, but I'm also scared that I can't settle down and might regret the decision. What do I miss from the Netherlands? I miss the enormous dairy selection from a supermarket, the clear differences in seasons and regarding food: filet americain, soft/slagroomijs, cassis and my mother's appeltaart.

Dutch traditions and connections

I love going to the End of Months Drinks at Neerlandia with my family as I value the importance of having a Dutch Club here in Perth. It's great to catch up with other Dutch families, to talk Dutch and eat a bitterbal or the delicious piece of appeltaart. My daughter Laura goes to the Dutch Kindy (from Language One) and for her it's great to meet some of the Dutch kids there as well. I volunteer in the Neerlandia kitchen when needed and I'm very happy with the outcome of the November AGM to move to Morley.

How to describe myself in 5 words

When I asked my husband to describe me in 5 words he said: well organised, social, energetic, direct and caring. I will add impatient and stubborn. The next time you see me, come and say hi!

Love,

Desirée de Graaf

End of Month Drinks

The first End of Month Drinks of 2015 will be held on
Friday the 27th of February and the next one after that on
Friday the 27th of March.

If you would like to give us a hand to ensure we have enough volunteers to keep
everyone happy, please contact Inge van Maanen
ingevanmaanen@hotmail.com

Only with your continued support as volunteer will the EoM Drinks survive.

The Bar will be open from 5.30pm - 9.00 pm; the kitchen will close at 8pm.
And you are all welcome to come for some relaxation, meet up with old friends
or make new ones and enjoy a Dutch beer
or a Dutch snack or just a cup of coffee!
Available from the Kitchen there will be:
Fresh Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart!
A variety of traditional Dutch snacks.

And the Neerlandia Shop will be open for your convenience!

Everyone is welcome - Everyone is welcome

My SATNAV

I have a little Satnav,
It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend,
it tells you where you are.

I have a little Satnav,
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones,
my Satnav is my wife.

It gives me full instructions,
especially how to drive
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says,
"You're doing sixty five".

It tells me when to stop and start,
and when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever,
safe to overtake.

It tells me when a light is red,
and when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively,
just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front,
and all those to the rear
And taking this into account,
it specifies my gear.

I'm sure no other driver,
has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car,
it still gives its advice.

It fills me up with counselling,
each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it,
and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things,
and keeps me warm in bed!

Despite all these advantages,
and my tendency to scoff
I only wish that now and then,
I could turn the bugger off.

Pam Ayres

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

	1		14		26		19		3		25		7	
1	6	5	24	19	23	5	11		6	4	7	19	10	16
	5		22		25		23		4		7		19	
26	11	9	19	19	10	2	19	19	17		5	19	23	25
	9		4		8		22		14		13		5	
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26	23	25	23	6	23	14		9	25	10	7	8	25	21
	6						25		2		19			
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	4		19		25		3		25		10		24	
20	19	5	16		11	13	19	26	26	22	5	14	11	14
	20		5		17		6		5		11		14	
2	14	9	25	20	14		13	14	20	19	10	20	14	13
	13		11		21		4		14		14		16	

CODEBREAKER PUZZLE

A **Codebreaker** is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter always.

The codes for 3 letters are revealed in this puzzle. Start with entering these 3 letters throughout the puzzle first and then start guessing your first word. If you are unsure, use a pencil to start, then if it does not work out you can erase and start again.

The last Codebreaker was not too easy, but once you found the words "Stiletto, Jettison and Tornado", you were spot on.

The detailed solution of the December Codebreaker was:

A=1; B=21; C=19; D=12;
E=24; F=2; G=9; H=11; I=20;
J=10; K=16; L=3; M=14;
N=22; O=26; P=15; Q=18;
R=23; S=6; T=4; U=8; V=7;
W=5; X=25; Y=19; Z=13.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

*Solutions December/January
Easy Sudoku*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column, but each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9. Last month the same Sudoku was accidentally printed twice!

Sudoku - Easy #67

Sudoku - Moderate #4

	6		4		8		2	
3			6	9				
8	4	9	2				1	
2					9	4		8
	1						9	
4		6	5					1
	2				6	8	5	3
				1	3			2
	3		8		2		4	

							1	7
		1			2	5	4	
		5	1			9		
		6	3				9	
4								6
	9				8	4		
		7			4	8		
	3	9	2			6		
5	8							

6	5	8	7	2	9	1	4	3
9	3	7	4	1	6	2	8	5
4	1	2	3	8	5	7	9	6
1	7	9	5	3	2	4	6	8
8	2	3	9	6	4	5	1	7
5	6	4	8	7	1	3	2	9
7	9	5	1	4	8	6	3	2
3	4	6	2	9	7	8	5	1
2	8	1	6	5	3	9	7	4

Moderate Sudoku

5	4	3	9	7	1	2	8	6
6	9	8	5	3	2	7	1	4
2	1	7	4	8	6	3	9	5
3	2	6	7	1	5	9	4	8
7	5	9	8	6	4	1	2	3
1	8	4	3	2	9	5	6	7
9	3	1	6	4	7	8	5	2
4	7	2	1	5	8	6	3	9
8	6	5	2	9	3	4	7	1

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